

## **GCPS Progress Report November, 2017**

- I emailed Ray Senger to thank him for posting the notices at the Cemetery and Town Site regarding protected heritage sites. He sent me an email stating "We will continue to monitor the sites when through the area as our presence can act as a deterrent and if you witness or see any more incidents don't hesitate to report it through our NRVV reporting site." I have bookmarked the link to the site for reporting problems should we need it in the future.
- Todd Lester received \$6.75 from one bag of cans that he took for us. We will collect the money from him in the spring when he is back in town. Thank you so very much Todd for continuing to help us with this! We greatly appreciate it!!
- Bert Rice called to give me the information needed about Dennis Mazer whose ashes were buried up at the Cemetery. Bob has ordered a plaque (at a cost of \$24 including postage) so we can place it on the location of his ashes. We will also add it to our database and put it online. Thank you for this information, Bert!!!
- Now for some very exciting news - The Diary of Lou Hare who lived in Granite Creek from October 12, 1885 to September 25, 1886 has arrived. To say it is AMAZING is an understatement! I have read through it once and it contains some good information such as: when the Granite Creek Jail was built; the names of the first two people buried at the Cemetery; words to a song about Granite Creek, etc. Next week I plan on going over it very carefully and making notes about anything that we didn't know about the area and people. I have the copy here for you to look at today. I have asked John Frost (Lou's grandson who gave us the Diary) if we have permission to put the pictures on the GCPS website and he said yes. He will get back to me with a contact name at Yale University so I can seek permission to reprint it in its entirety on our website. So, after reading this how can I sum up the life of these prospectors? Their lives consisted of drinking, gambling, whoring and a bit of panning on the side. If we do get permission to print this online, we will need to put in a disclaimer something like: "This Diary contains mature subject matter that includes strong language and adult situations. Reader discretion is advised." The best words I can think of to describe this amazing gift to us is that it is raw and real. I have mailed John a copy of my book "White Gold and Black Diamonds" as a thank you for his generosity. He should receive it next week. We are so lucky to have this! Thank you, John, for sending it to us to enjoy and (hopefully) share.